

## GERMANY'S RECORD AS "NATION"

Rose to Power in Trickery and Has Long Been Recognized as Thoroughly Unscrupulous.

Germany up to 70 years ago was not in existence as a nation, but was a federation of small principalities. Prussia, the nucleus of the German empire, was always quarrelsome, boastful of her military supremacy, crafty, cruel and of doubtful diplomatic integrity. The South German principalities, although more or less Prussian in blood, yet were independent, and constantly fighting with each other, jealous and striving for power one over the other. The famous federation of German states which was believed at first by the people to be a true democratic federation, was fathered by Bismarck, the iron chancellor. The trickery by which many of the German states were hoodwinked into this alliance was the direct cause of the German revolution, which was tipped in the bud through the already marvelous perfection of the German military machine, and in 1848 some 500,000 German revolutionists emigrated to the United States with the price of Prussia's disapproval on their heads. Since that time Germany has been recognized as a formidable military power by all the world. The only war she had waged as a federated empire up to the present one was the Franco-Prussian war in 1870 in which Germany was markedly the victor. It was settled by indemnity and the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine.

## "I'M NO BABY KILLER, SONNY"

Big Irish Corporal Speaks His Mind to a Young Boche Prisoner Whom He Had Taken.

Mike, a big Irish corporal, had just captured a German in a shell hole.

"Come awn out o' that," shouted Mike. I stepped up in time to see his prisoner, a wax-pale boy who afterward said he was sixteen and who didn't look fourteen, says Hamilton M. Wright in the Forum. He was very weak, his helmet almost rested on his narrow shoulders, his tunic was so big that the sleeves were rolled back eight inches, his trousers were so long that they bagged like a zouave's bloomers. The poor kid commenced to cry pitifully, like a girl.

"Niver you mind, sonny," said Mike, "I'm no baby killer. Here let me help you," and big Mike dropped his gun, slid down into the hole where the boy might have turned his own gun on unarmed Mike, and brought him up.

"Stop yer cryin', sonny. Nobody'll hurt you. There'll be cats for ye an' a good rest back there. But—" and Mike paused and glared—"if I could git me paws on th' big dirty fat slob of a Prussian what sent a baby the likes of youse out here I'd tie him to that post an' feed him lighted hand grenades 'till there was nawthin' left of him. That's th' guy I'm after," and Mike picked up his gun and rushed on into the thick of the advance.

## AFRAID OF MORE TONGUE.

Jocular Butcher—"Eard the latest, eh? Like feeds like. Eat 'art and you gets 'art. Eat brains and you gets brains. And so on. Now, what about this nice tongue to take 'ome to the wife?"

Mr. Meekins—"Eh—you haven't got a frozen one, have you?—London Tit-Bits.

## WHY NOT?

"The servant problem? It can be solved."

"You speak with confidence, Mr. Jibway."

"And know whereof I speak, sir. A housewife in the kitchen with her sleeves rolled up, rattling pots and pans is the logical, the ultimate solution.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## FISHY.

"Who's that nervous man with the European war ribbon who hangs around the docks all day long?"

"He spent two years in the S. O. S. watching French fishermen, and one day he saw one catch a fish. The doctors say he'll be all right after a long rest."—Paris Stars and Stripes.

## NO LONGER CHILDREN.

"Any children in the family?"

Not any more. A few months ago we had three boys, but they're all grown men and in the service of their country now."

## FELT SHE HAD "KICK" COMING

Woman's Resentment at What She Considered Overcharge Expressed in No Uncertain Manner.

Two women stared in a store window. Both had weather-beaten faces and hands that showed for work, and the woman who was talking had the loud voice of one used to calling across the open:

"Look at that plate, will you, only 10 cents, and I went and paid a quarter for the spit image of it at the church picnic last August."

Sadie defended the picnic with a like far-reaching voice:

"You couldn't expect to buy the same plate for no 10 cents down yonder, after the managers had to pay their way up here and pick it out."

"Shuh, the church paid their way up. One thing, you don't catch me paying no thrilble price for any plate again—not if I live to be a hundred. Next time I go to a church picnic, I'm going to pay my 50 cents for the dinner, same as ever, because the shote and goslin is worth it, but when any of them women behind them tables undertake to make me pay all that money for a plate that isn't worth nair more than 10 cents, I'll up and tell 'em I know what's what, even if I do live in the pines. I'm no mean woman and I want to do right by my church, but it seems audacious to have a hard-working woman like me pay a quarter for a plate that's only worth 10 cents."

Especially when she finds it out.—Washington Star.

## THE PESSIMIST



Dough—Yes, old man, I'm going to spend the winter in Florida.

Wough—Lucky dog! It'll be nice and warm down there.

Dough—Yes; but I'll bet there'll be mosquitoes or something.

## ALIVE AND WELL.

A Slovak butcher, working at some German headquarters in the St. Mikiel salient and blissfully unconscious of impending doom, had breezed into Thiaucourt, where there was the equivalent of a depot quartermaster, to buy him some supplies, when he found himself gazing on three Yankee sharpshooters.

"I was mighty scared at first," he said, "but they had no sooner spoken than I found they were Slovaks, too. You must have all nationalities in your army. Well, they gave me an orange, they gave me a piece of chocolate, they gave me a cigarette, and here I am."—Paris Stars and Stripes.

## WILLING, BUT PRUDENT.

"Did you take any war workers in your automobile?"

"Not this morning," confessed Mr. Chuggins. "The carburetor was popping, a tire was going flat and my radiator was leaking. I was afraid the war would be over before I got 'em to work."

## SURE.

"We should never kick a man when he's down."

"That's so. But in the kaiser's case I imagine it will pay us to make sure that he's down before we quit kicking."

## EVEN THE ERUDITE.

"What are you grinning at?"

"Perhaps I should not grin, but that college professor has never been considerate of my feelings."

"Well?"

"So I can't suppress a smile as I watch him struggle with his questionnaire."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## PLEASING, INDEED.

Edith—That young lieutenant you introduced to me is a fellow of very pleasing address.

Betty—I should say so. His address is Kissimmee, Fla.

## HARDSHIPS IMPOSED BY WAR

Absolute Necessaries Held at Almost Prohibitive Prices in Cities of Jugo-Slavia.

War conditions have caused an enormous rise in the price of necessities in Jugo-Slavia. A recent issue of the Novosti, published in Zagreb, says that the cost of ready-made garments makes them almost unaffordable. Not only are certain clothing establishments closed, but even those which manage to keep open have very little to sell.

The value of the Austrian crown is about 20 cents, but its purchasing power in normal peace times is almost 50 cents in our money. Today, suits of clothes are costing \$1,000 to 1,200 crowns, or from \$100 to \$200. Any tailor who is lucky enough to find a "length" of pre-war material charges 1,800 to 2,000 crowns, or nearly \$1,000 to turn it into a suit of clothes. As a result, the sales of ready-made clothing are very light.

It is the same with woolen and cotton goods. For a man's shirt one pays 70 to 100 crowns. A pair of stockings costs about \$30, and a yard of linen about the same. Household articles made of iron, china or glass are almost nowhere to be found in the stores.

## BROUGHT OUT BY THE WAR

Bank President Probably Had Never Realized What He Could Do Until He Tried It.

The private office of John B. Larnier, president of the Washington Loan and Trust company, used to look like a room in Spottless Town until the war shortage put it in the care of an inefficient. The banker stood it for just so long, and then proceeded to polish up the handle of his front door with the zeal of one who has discovered within himself an unexpected talent.

Office cleaning is not what Truthful James could conscientiously call the king of sports, but Mr. Larnier knows an emergency when it comes his way, and was sweeping the floor in fine style when a customer in search of the head of the bank opened the door and asked if he were the janitor. And the worker halted his broom long enough to explain, with a politeness for which all janitors are not noted:

"No, unfortunately, I am only the president of the bank."

Which shows that yeowomen, ambulance chauffeurs and cross-sees nurses are not the only ones in this war to develop hidden gifts. There are others.—Washington Star.

## TEACHING RUSSIAN PEASANT.

Ernest Poole, in Red Cross Magazine, quotes a Russian schoolmaster as saying:

"Every school should teach English, every library should have English and American books, to offset the ones that the Germans are giving us. If you believe in liberty as the Germans believe in their devil's kultur, you Americans will come over here and prove your belief by the things you do. You had a great man, Lincoln. Each time that a German speaks of his kaiser, one of your people should be on the spot to say: 'Now let me tell you of a great American peasant, Abraham Lincoln was his name.'"

## HIS POSITION.

Bobby was heading a small parade. He carried a banner on which were the words, "Fourth Liberty Loan Parade."

"Are you taking out bonds, this time?" I asked the small leader.

"Oh, no," he answered cheerfully. "I'm just a booster. You can be the taker."

## QUICK RESPONSE.

"They must be waiting for cases at the hospital."

"What makes you think so?"

"I called it up this morning and in the next second I heard some one answer, 'Operator.'"

## HOME TOWN COMMENT.

"How are things going in this town? Had much of an influenza epidemic?"

"Mister, there aren't enough people in this town to have much of an epidemic."

## THAT WALTER RALEIGH STUFF.

Yankee Soldier, (gazing at his equipment)—Gosh, if we could just lay all this stuff on the ocean and walk on it we wouldn't need any transports to take us over.

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Witness my signature on this 11th day of December, 1918.

Z. M. WILLIAMS, Administrator.

Attested by Stephen N. Wilson Judge of Probate for Lafayette County, Missouri.

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	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
Exchange Service		
Business Direct Line	\$3.00	\$3.50
Business 2-Party	\$3.00	\$3.00
Business Extension		\$1.00
Desk Sets	.50	.50
Residence Direct Line	\$1.00	\$1.75
Residence 2-Party	\$1.00	\$1.50
Residence 4-Party		\$1.25
Residence Extension		\$1.00
Desk Sets	.50	.50

Rentals payable between first and twentieth of month.

	Per Annum	Per Annum
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We have asked that the above proposed schedule of rates be allowed to go into effect January first, nineteen hundred and nineteen. Each subscriber is therefore notified that if there is any objection to the proposed increase, that such objection should be made in writing to the Public Service Commission at Jefferson City, prior to the effective date of the proposed schedule.

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